

Suggested Worship Order
April 19, 2020
(The activities and order are up to you!)

Open with a simple prayer of thanksgiving for daily divine mercies, acknowledging God's mighty faithfulness, asking for His forgiveness and for His blessing as you gather.

Read a passage of Scripture. Consider Psalm 138.

Sing a familiar hymn or song. Today you are invited to listen to or sing along with the musicians.

Watch or listen to the preaching. Here is an outline:

“Perplexity and Provision”
Luke 9:7-17

- I. **The Great Perplexity, vv. 7-9.**
 - A. *A Distressed Interest.*
 - B. *A Divided Opinion.*

- II. **The Gracious Reception, vv. 10-11.**
 - A. *A Withdrawal.*
 - B. *A Glad Welcome.*

- III. **The Generous Provision, vv. 12-17.**
 - A. *Running on Empty, vv. 12-14a.*
 - *The “Sensible” Proposal, v. 12.*
 - *The Stunning Directive, v. 13a.*
 - *The Stunted Reply, v. 13b.*
 - B. *Filling the Empty, vv. 14b-17.*
 - *The Active Sovereign, v. 14b.*
 - *The Almighty Supplier, vv. 15-16.*
 - *The All-Sufficient Satisfier, v. 17.*

Sing a song when the sermon is over. Some suggestions: *Jesus, Thy Name I Love*, Hymnbook #546; *My Jesus, I Love Thee*, Hymnbook #547; *You Are My All in All*, Songbook #154.

Spend time in discussion or reflection on what you heard.

[Possible Discussion Questions]

- How would you summarize the main lesson of this passage?
- What effect did the ministry of Jesus and the mission of His disciples have on Herod?
- What was the public opinion about who Jesus was? What are the opinions about Jesus that people have today?
- What did Jesus do after the apostles returned and gave a report of what they had done? What was His likely purpose?
- How did Jesus respond to the crowds? What does this reveal about Him?
- What is Jesus' purpose in telling His apostles to give the crowd something to eat?
- How do they respond to His directive?
- How does Jesus "answer" their confession of lack in verse 14?
- What do Jesus' acts in verses 14-17 teach us about Him?
- What part do the disciples have in the miraculous feeding?
- What in this account made the greatest impression on you? What was most encouraging or helpful to you?
- What, if anything, are you challenged to do on account of this passage?

Close with prayer, thanking God for His Word, asking Him to help you to understand, hold on to, and faithfully apply what you have heard.